



# The River Round Up

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## Alice & Danny Sampson



*Alice & Danny in February 1955.*

Alice Elizabeth was born June 25, 1937 the fourth of nine children to Willard & Mary B. (McPhee) Pottie of Hawker. Alice was fourteen years old and in grade eight when her mother suddenly passed away. Following the funeral, her father announced that Alice's schooling was now complete and she was to take care of her five younger siblings, with the baby being only four years old, plus two foster children who had been in her parents care. It was an early introduction to motherhood. Soon afterwards her dad was involved in a horrible truck accident in Grand River and suffered many injuries and was bedridden; Alice tended to him also. The two foster children were then returned to the orphanage in Sydney.

Alice was sixteen years old and visiting her neighbours, Kate and Francis Boudreau when she met Francis's nephew, Daniel Clifford (Danny) Sampson. Danny was born on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1928, the fifth of nine children to Michael & Lillian (Boudreau) Sampson of Little Dover. He worked in the fish plant and on farms in PEI before joining the Canadian Army in 1949. He served in the Korean War and was also stationed in Chillawack, BC before leaving in 1952. Danny returned home to work in the fish plant in Mulgrave and it was in 1954 when he met Alice. A year later on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1955 Danny

made the beautiful seventeen-year-old Alice his child bride. She married Danny on the condition that she did not have twenty-five children like his grandmother. He reluctantly agreed.

Danny & Alice had four children: Michael in Guysborough, Darlene in St. Peters, Paula in River Bourgeois and Darrell in Edmonton. They also have five grandchildren. Meanwhile Alice's father passed away and her brother Eddie who was only thirteen at the time came to live with Alice & Danny until he joined the army.

In 1960, Danny started working on the construction of the pulp mill in Port Hawkesbury and two years later upon completion of the building he was hired to work there. He was employed at the mill for thirty-one years before retiring in 1983. Alice went to work at the Villa in St. Peters as a dietary technician in 1976. In 1993, she suffered severe back injuries in a fall at a square dance in Grand River forcing her to retire from her job. The family should stay out of Grand River.

These days Danny is a member of the Legion and also the Peace Keepers and loves his television while Alice uses her talents in crafts and knitting. Both Danny & Alice are founding members of the senior's 50+ Club and Alice has been a member of the Bingo Committee since its inception and is also a member of the CWL. Their favourite pastime is dancing and they do so every chance they get. They along with Paula spend their days visiting Darlene and volunteering at the Villa. Danny & Alice have recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and we the people of River Bourgeois wish them both many more years of health, happiness and wedded bliss. *Sharon Chilvers*

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## Elise Kelly

On August 10<sup>th</sup> seventeen year old Elise, daughter of Rose & Bob Kelly of Charlotte, North Carolina and granddaughter of Leo & Theresa Landry, swam from the Southside to the north side of the River. She kept up a good pace throughout the return trip.

Elise was cheered on by the family with mom, dad, brother Brad and her uncle Dannie in the accompanying support boats. Godmother Anne and Nana & Poppa greeted her on her return. Well Done Elise.



It must be genetic as reliable sources say both her mom and others from their family (in the old days) also swam it. Has anyone from the north side ever completed the trek?

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### Joan & Bernie Viscount



Pictured above are Joan & Bernie Viscount and all their family who gathered around them on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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### International Surfing Championships

Local Junior Surf girls, Nicole Boudreau (Gerard & Donna), Tina Scott (Eleanor & John), Erica Fraser (Maxine & David) and Kaitlynn Fennel (Jim & Janice) are hoping to represent Canada at the ISA World Surfing Competition in California this October along with their surf instructor, Michelle Richards from Dundee. Fundraising has begun with “Learn to Surf” classes last Saturday and Sunday put on by the girls and Michelle, a benefit at the Carriage House in Port Hawkesbury, and a merchandise Bingo in River Bourgeois is planned for 2 pm, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Tara Lynne Center. The girls have been surfing at Point Michaud for a couple of years and have been featured on ATV and CBC’s “On the Road Again” which will air in the fall. It was shot in the early spring, not a place most people want to be in March and April.

However the girls were supplied with winter wet suits and found the water quite tolerable. The parents who sat, watched and helped them change afterwards were not so comfortable but enjoyed it.

Lessons continue all summer and qualifiers are competing in Lawrencetown, White Point and Point Michaud. The girls are also lining up sponsors as this will be a costly endeavour. We wish them luck & hope they have lots of support as this is a rare opportunity for local Nova Scotia surfers.

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### Coincidence!!



*Picture of Cletus's Chevy.*

Mary & Cletus Touesnard and family members were in a restaurant in Auld's Cove on the day of the 50th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Canso Causeway. Cletus looked down to read his placemat (one of these paper ones with advertisements) and there was a picture of his 1955 Chevy at the opening of the Causeway. Cletus also had the only placemat at the table with this information on it. Cletus remembers being unable to walk the route because he and Mary had kids with them but he does remember his dad and Walter Fougere getting a drive across and walking back

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### Junior High Graduates

Eight students from River Bourgeois will be heading to Richmond Academy this fall: Sandi Burke (Kelly & Joan); Robyn Merrick (Mark & Rose); Christi Pottie (Glen & Dawn); Shandelle Pottie (Sheila); Ross Stewart-Rankin (Clair Rankin & Connie Stewart-Rankin); James Sampson (Henry); Ellen Stone (Joey & Joan) and Tiffany Stone (Darren & Colleen).

At the June Graduation ceremonies in St. Peters, Sandi received an award for Social Studies & Music, Ross received the NS Band Association-an award in recognition of his dedication to the Band and School, James received an award for Music and Ellen received awards for Art & Music.

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## Round Up Birthday



*Ryland Fougere*

This marks the end of five years of the new River Round Up. In honour of our birthday we want to share this picture of Ryland Edward, son of Andre & Roielle Fougere of Calgary. He is the great grand nephew of Marie Boyd, the originator of the old River Round Up. The picture is on Helena McCay's website. Thanks for the plug Ryland!

In the very near future we will have the past five years of the Round Up on a CD in PDF format. Hopefully ready in time for your Christmas giving.

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## Births

**Doyle:** Blake Cory Wayne Patrick, 6lbs 2oz, was born on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> to Cory & Lisa of Canso. Congratulations to grandparents Joanne & Wayne Doyle of D'Escousse and Doreen & the late Pat Fougere of Canso and great grand parents Anne & Joe Sampson.

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## Weddings

**Park/Welsh:** Congratulations to Melissa, daughter of Bob & Betty Parks, and Damian Lee Welsh, son of Shelley Bushell & Bob Welsh. They were married on July 30<sup>th</sup> in Antigonish.

**Pottie/Bona:** Congratulations to Courtenay Leigh, daughter of Leslie & Pene Pottie, and Darren Joseph, son of Brian & Cathy Bona of Creignish who were wed on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Courtenay & Darren will reside in Port Hawkesbury.

**Touesnard/Mombourquette:** Congratulations to Andrea Michelle, daughter of Ervin & Janice Touesnard, and George Mark, son of Mark & Debbie Mombourquette of L'Ardoise who were married August 27<sup>th</sup> in L'Ardoise. Andrea & George will reside on the Southside.

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## Deaths

**Currie:** Michael Ignatius, 75, of New Waterford passed away on Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his wife

Anne, his children and also to his brother, Father Reg. Currie who is our Parish Priest.

**Landry:** Marie, 75, of Sydney passed away on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to her husband Leger, sons Tony & Stephen and her in-laws Alcantra, Cyril and Eunice Landry.

**Landry:** Mary Verona, 71, of Louisdale passed away on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to her husband Cecil, her children and to her sister Mae MacPhee.

**Landry:** Raymond Martin, 95, of Grand Greve passed away on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his son Blair & wife Carmelita (Burke) and family.

**Richard:** Egbert Lawrence, 83, passed away Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> in Toronto. Egbert was the son of the late Charlie & Vina Richard and was a brother of Fabian Richard, John Richard, Rita Landry & Monica Stone.

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## Bits and Bites:

- Congratulations to **Ainsley Elizabeth Fraser** on graduating from St. Thomas University with a Bachelor of Social Work on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Ainsley is the daughter of Maxine (Richard) & Dave Fraser of St. Peters.
- Congratulation to **Tiffany Owens** who graduated from NS Community College Pictou Campus with a Diploma in Business Administration Accounting and also to her sister **Tricia** who graduated from Basic Military Training Air Force in Borden, ON. Tiffany and Patricia are the daughters of Theresa & Paul Owens and grand daughters of Fabie Richard.
- Congratulations also to **Tyler (TJ) Burke**, son of Theresa & Larry who has returned from the 2005 Golden Key International Honor Society Conference in Berkley, California. TJ continues to excel at Dalhousie University. He is on the Executive of the Honors Society, VP of Dalhousie Socialites Debating Team and President of the Navigation Society. There is also a mention of the "Hottest Ticket in Town" but you will have to ask him about that one.
- **TJ's sister Kelsey** is to be congratulated on her completion of a six-week course in Senior Leadership in Cold Lake, Alberta. This enables her to instruct cadets.
- **NS Bird Society Annual Shorebird Field Trip** to Point Michaud beach was held on Aug 20<sup>th</sup>. Twenty five people from all over the province and one from Calgary got to see over fifty species of birds. Through the day many were thinking of **Murdock Digout** who passed away at age 92 earlier in the week. He was a charter member of the Nova Scotia Bird Society, dedicated observer of the birds of the St Peters area for decades, and a usual participant in this

- event. His son, Billy, normally acts as co-host with George Digout on this trip.
- **Bikini Car Wash** sponsored by the “**Friends Of Renee**” on Saturday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bucky’s Garage. Proceeds to *Run for the Cure*. Your support is appreciated!
  - **Seniors Mini Bingo** Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm.
  - **CAP site meeting** on Wed., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
  - **Merchandize Bingo**-Tara Lynne Center on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
  - **RBCSS meeting** Wed., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm.
  - **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
  - **Seniors bingo** Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.
  - **CWL meeting** Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm.
  - **45 Card Game** Seniors Bldg. on Sundays 7:30.
  - **CWL Merchandise Bingo** Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Tara Lynne Center at 2pm.
  - **The Fall Conference of the Antigonish Diocesan Catholic Women’s League will be sponsored this year by the St.John the Baptist council on September 30/October 1<sup>st</sup>.All workshops will be held at the Tara Lynne Center.**All are members are invited to take part and you can learn more at the September 12<sup>th</sup>. meeting .Please plan to attend.
  - **Happy Birthdays** greetings to Marie Fougere, Claire Chenier, Raymond Burke, Ann Clow, and Joe Boucher.
  - **Starting this week Bulletin Notices** should be dropped off at David Digout’s mailbox or Email [david.digout@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:david.digout@ns.sympatico.ca) before 5pm on Thursdays.
  - The CAP site returns to fall/winter hours on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be open to the public from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm from Monday to Thursday and 2-4 pm on Fridays. On weekends, an appointment may be made by calling Ann (2376) or Sharon (3516). CAP phone # is 535-3251; Email address is [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com) and website is [www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap](http://www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap)
  - **A great big thank you to Heidi Stone for doing a great job during a very busy summer at the CAP site!!!**
  - A reminder that anyone wishing to book the Tara Lynne Center should call Ann Clow at 535-2726. People requiring use of the Funeral Home should call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special functions such as weddings, baptisms or funerals.
  - The Round Up is available at Bucky’s Garage, RB Post Office or East Coast Credit Union. Subscriptions are available for \$15.00 delivered in RB, \$20.00 within Canada and \$25.00 internationally per year.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival

By the time you receive the Round Up, the festival events will be underway. This will give you a list of the remainder of the activities. Come out, enjoy and support the various events. If you say see Joe MacPhee and Paula Lafantasie give them big thanks for putting all this together.

Thursday September 1, 2005

6:30 - 8:30 Pre-Teen Dance -Admission \$3.00

Friday September 2, 2005

8 pm Regular Cash Bingo -Tara Lynne Center

Saturday September 3, 2005

6:30 am-10:30 Interpretive Heritage Walk of Southside River Bourgeois. Pick up Booklets (\$7.50) at 33 Riverside Road (Fred Grimes old house).

7 am-10am -Men’s Breakfast (\$6, \$5 and \$3) Tara Lynne Center

8 am Lob Ball Tournament - Check the lists for fields.

10 am-4 Flea Market & Bake Sale  
Seniors Building (To book tables contact Anne Sampson 535-2803)

1pm-3pm Teddy Bear Picnic Tara Lynne Center

7 pm Church Service at St. John the Baptist Parish

9 pm-1 am- Adult Dance (Admission:\$8/person or \$15/couple) Music by “Ocean”

Sunday September 4, 2005

TBA Lob Ball Tournament

10 am Church Service

11 am- 3 Flea Market & Bake Sale

1pm Parade

4pm-6pm Pot Luck Supper

7:30 pm Variety Concert & Ticket Draw

Admission \$5 per person Children under 12 free

\*Sweat shirts & T-shirts will be sold at all functions as will tickets for money draw.(We thank Paul Zinck for taking 3 old pictures and putting them into one for this years logo.)

Note: For all events where alcohol will be available, Government IDs may be requested

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